

IN RESPONSE TO LD 227 STATE OF MAINE

My name is Hilary Hadden. I am a certified pediatric nurse practitioner.

This Act targets the sanctity of the family, parental rights and our children and unborn babies, under the guise of protecting children and women, with the thinly veiled goal of pushing a political agenda consumed with the antiscientific indoctrination of parents and children. The XX chromosome cannot be overridden by the XY chromosome and vice versa. No one is telling this to parents and children who deserve to know this immutable fact.

We have a Patient Bill of Rights in this country to protect the rights of all adult citizens to informed consent and the rights of their children as per their parental consent for their children's medical care. As a professional, it is my opinion that "gender-affirming health-care encompasses experimental treatments and does not treat the underlying gender dysphoria which falls in the category of a mental disorder as per the DSM 5-the Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5. This tells me that these children need psychiatric therapy as their primary treatment. All of us here know how woefully inadequate our general health care has been when it comes to our mental health. To quote NIMH-the National Institute of Mental Health: "the way we treat our mentally ill is insane."

Following on.....Our existing Patient Bill of Rights is consistent with the Nuremberg Code, a set of research principles for Human experimentation created by the Court in U.S. v Brandt, one of the subsequent Nuremberg trials that were held after the Second World War. The Nuremberg Code has ten principles: among them: informed consent, absence of coercion, properly formulated scientific experimentation, and beneficence toward experiment participants. It is believed to have been mainly based on the Hippocratic oath, with its first do no harm approach, while at the same time, protecting the patient.*

The point here is that children, especially elementary, middle school and high school-age children do not have the mental maturity or capacity to make the decisions that this Act is intending for them. In fact hormone therapy to arrest puberty is also being found to slow, if not arrest brain development. As parents, we have signed numerous medical consents over the course of our children's growing up. We have the natural autonomy as parents to make these decisions and to sign these consents. The consents for gender-affirming care and for abortion are huge decisions that have far reaching consequences involving life-long mental and physical health and pain. The greatest respect for human life and dignity, is when we treat each other as we would wish to be treated, and to treat those who cannot care for themselves, either because they are children or unborn human babies as their inherent human dignity deserves.

I would ask that everyone in the Maine State Legislature connected to LD 227 go on record if you are in favor of late term abortion, defined as, abortion up to full term birth.

I thank the committee and everyone here for their time.

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*[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuremberg_Code)

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